



Holy Family School

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Easter

Today we break up for Easter and conclude our Lenten journey in school. We have all made sacrifices during this time and made huge efforts to raise money for those who need our help. I would like to thank you all for being so supportive and generous towards each of the events that we have run in school. This week parents came together for our Easter coffee morning, there really was a lovely atmosphere in the hall and again you were all incredibly generous, thank you. We also came together for our final Lenten mass on Thursday led wonderfully by year 5 and on Tuesday Mrs King led our Stations of the Cross Assembly for the children. As we break up today for Easter I would like to wish you a happy and restful holiday, we look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 24th May.

Parent Fundraising

Hafash and Husnain's mum will be selling items in the playground after school today. This is to raise money for medical treatment for a family member. Please give your support.

School Meals Price Increase

We have been advised that the cost of a school meal is going up on 1st April by 10p per day, to **£2.25** so the cost for a week will be **£11.25**.

This Week's Highlights

Monday	Reception trip to the Sea Life Centre
Tuesday	Stations of the Cross Assembly
Tuesday	Yr 5 at Holy Trinity for their Easter Production
Wednesday	Easter Coffee Morning
Thursday	Reception class ' Stay and Read '
Thursday	Yr 5 Mass
Friday	Easter Bonnet Assembly

Lenten Charities

As it stands, through different activities and events, we have raised £903 pounds for our Lenten charities. This money will make a significant difference to peoples lives, thank you for your support. I would also like to give a special thank you to Mrs Hollywood and Mrs Anderson who have led our fundraising programme.

SPORT

Year 3 are making great progress with their swimming lessons. We are very fortunate to be able to take our children to such a wonderful provision at St. Martin's in Solihull but this is not enough. It is important that children are swimming outside of school to make sure they are fully confident in the water. **We are also collecting Sainsbury's "Active Kids" Vouchers which we will put towards sports & cooking equipment.**

Family Support Worker

Karen our family support worker is here to help you. If you would like to speak to her, please make an appointment at the school office. She can help you with a wide variety of issues or concerns such as housing, finances & debt, child development or anything that is worrying you.

Day	Date	Future Events
Monday	24 th Apr	School re-opens
Monday	1 st May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday	4 th May	School closed Local & Mayoral Elections
Friday	26 th May	School closes for half-term
Monday	5 th Jun	School re-opens
Monday	24 th Jul	Non Pupil Day
Tuesday	25 th Jul	Non Pupil Day

Attendance

A reminder to all parents that any requests for extended leave during term time will be refused. It is vital that your child is in school every day to fully achieve their potential, even a short absence can really harm the progress that your child makes. Furthermore, poor attendance can lead to fines being issued to you by the local authority and your child's place at Holy Family could be at risk!

We aim for 100% Attendance and Punctuality for EVERY child

Class of the Week 31.03.2017

Year 5 with 99.7% 😊😊

Whole School Target 97%

Whole School Attendance 95.4%

'Stay & Play' New Time

For mums or dads and little ones

Wednesdays

8.45 - 10.15

**Come and see us in Nursery,
after your children have gone into class!!**

Nursery

FREE 2, 3 & 4 Year Old Places

Please make sure you have put your child's name on our waiting list and ask your friends and neighbours too so that we can contact families when their child is eligible to start.

Hair

We have had some cases of head lice in school, please carefully check your child's hair weekly. Can you also make sure that children with very long hair have it tied up. Thank you.

Cake Sales

Please be aware that for any upcoming cake sales we will only be able to accept cakes that have been purchased from a shop. We are no longer able to sell cakes that are homemade.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Day	Physical Activity	Staff	Other Activity	Staff
Monday	TKD Free	Julie-Ann Years 1 & 2	Y6 Homework Club Free	Miss Walker Y6
Tuesday	Dance £2.00 Baking £1.00	Jade KS2 Miss Flynn Years 5&6 only	Library Free	Mrs Guest All welcome
Wednesday	Cricket £2.00	Callum KS2		
Thursday Collect @ 3.50 from playground	Football £2.00	Callum KS2	Choir Free Homework Club Free	Mrs O'Driscoll KS2 HFS Staff Y3/Y4/Y5
Friday	Multi Skills No charge	Colm & Callum Children invited	Sign Language £2.00	Mrs Maloney KS2

'Be Active'

Now that the better weather is with us - make time to take the children outside for some time each day to get some exercise.

Birthday Treats

If you are bringing in treats for you child's class to celebrate a birthday please check all ingredients to make sure there are no nuts or traces of nuts. **We are unable to give out homemade treats and if we are unsure we will not give them to the class.**

Reminder - Parent Worries or Concerns

My door is always open if ever you have worries or concerns. I need to know what the problem is before I can help - so please do come and speak to me.

Mass times

Holy Family Catholic Church

Saturday 4.00 pm

Sundays 10.30am & 5.15pm

*God Bless
Mr Foley
Friday 7th April 2017*